

The treasure of Silver Lake

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 [Mitch O'Farrell, Councilmember, 13th District](#)

Friend --

This week we heard a very important update on the ongoing Silver Lake Reservoir Complex Bypass Project, and I want to thank the Los Angeles Department of Water and Power (LADWP) for the opportunity to hear directly from the public on this very important issue.

**I stand with my constituents to continue holding the Department to its commitment of restoring the reservoir to historical operating levels.**

Since the reservoir will no longer be used to provide drinking water, there is a real possibility to utilize recycled water after the project is complete. That would require new infrastructure for the purpose of circulating the water and keep it from becoming stagnant. The other options would be to pipe in nearby ground water or refill the lake with potable water. In this time of drought, the potable water option is the least attractive and it is believed it would be the more expensive option too.

The ultimate decision will be up to the public who enjoy the reservoir's environment, and to the residents of Silver Lake who will be the most directly impacted. We have begun an open and transparent process to build a consensus on how to reach our short term objective of getting water back in the reservoir upon completion of the current pipeline project.

The Silver Lake Reservoir is an iconic Los Angeles cultural treasure and the pride of the community. We must have an "all in" approach in deciding its immediate future as well as developing its long term vision on how it will be managed and maintained in the coming decades.

As announced, there will be more town hall meetings with the Silver Lake community, the next one being scheduled for late Summer. In the meantime, the LADWP will be exploring the options publicly discussed this week so we can ensure water goes back in the reservoir expeditiously once the current pipeline project is complete early next year. For more information on the bypass project and any updates, please check [here](#).

Have a happy and safe Fourth of July holiday weekend.

Warm regards,

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Mitch O'Farrell

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## COMING UP

FRI 7/8 [COUNCILMEMBER O'FARRELL TO HOST LOTUS FESTIVAL KICKOFF CELEBRATION](#)

SAT/SUN 7/8-7/9 [80TH ANNUAL LOTUS FESTIVAL FOLIO PARK LAKE](#)

